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- In the casernes of the People's Police Alert Unit (Volkspolizei Bereitschaft) in Grossenhain (N52/A01)/Saxony are located in the right angle formed by Liebenverdeerstrasse and the Senftenberg (N52/A34) Grossenhain rail line. The casernes are four sets of large buildings two and three stories high, mostly new construction, arranged in quadrangles. In the middle of the quadrangle an athletic field has been constructed. In addition to the four blocks of buildings mentioned, there are two administrative and staff buildings and one dispensary (San-Baracke) on the grounds.
- 2. Approximately 3,000 troops are stationed at the installation. Training in the use of the following weapons is carried out quite openly:

Fistols
Rifles 98K
Rifles 100 (Gewehr 100) (sic) (Russian model including bayonets for hand-to-hand fighting)

light machine guns Heavy machine guns

3. Training in the use of the following equipment is kept secret:

Light AT and AA artillery
Armored scout cars (Russian model)
Tanks T-34
Jet fighters (training allegedly takes place on the nearby airstrip)

Raw recruits are given a choice of the following branches of services infantry, armored, AA, Sea Police, and air units (Luftwaffe). Most recruits choose to serve in the infantry.

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